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Curtis L. Collier

Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1949
Education: Tennessee State 1971 BS; Duke 1974 JD
Began Service: May 22, 1995
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Academic: Adjunct Instructor, Tulane Law School

Government: Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of Louisiana, United States Department of Justice (1979-1987); Deputy Chief and Chief, Eastern District of Tennessee, General Crimes Section, Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice (1986-1987); Supervisory Assistant United States Attorney-in-Charge, Eastern District of Tennessee, Chattanooga Branch, United States Department of Justice (1987-1995)

Military Service: United States Air Force (1974-1979)

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Thomas W. Phillips

District Judge

Date of Birth: July 6, 1943
Education: Berea 1965 BA; Vanderbilt 1969 JD;
George Washington 1973 LLM
Began Service: November 19, 2002
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Affiliation: Adjunct Professor, College of Law, University of Tennessee System

Government: County Attorney (part-time), County of Scott, Tennessee, County of Scott, Tennessee (1976-1991)

Judicial: Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee (1991-2002)

Legal Practice: Associate, Griffith & Stokes (1973-1974); Partner, Baker, Worthington, Crossley & Stansberry (1974-1977); Partner, Phillips & Phillips (1977-1979); Partner, Phillips & Williams (1979-1991)

Military Service: United States Army (1969-1973)

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Thomas A. Varlan

District Judge

Date of Birth: July 8, 1956
Education: Tennessee 1978 BA; Vanderbilt 1981 JD
Began Service: April 5, 2003
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Government: Law Director, City of Knoxville, Tennessee (1988-1998)

Legal Practice: Associate, Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP (1981-1987); Partner, Bass, Berry & Sims PLC (1998-2003)

Nonprofit: President, Tennessee Municipal Attorneys Association

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J. Ronnie Greer

District Judge

Education: East Tennessee State 1974 BS; Tennessee 1980 JD
Began Service: June 25, 2003
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Government: Special Assistant, Office of the Governor, State of Tennessee (1980-1981); County Attorney, Greene County, Tennessee (1985-1986); State Senator, Tennessee General Assembly (1986-1994)

Profession: Private Practice (1981-2003)

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Harry S. Mattice, Jr.

District Judge

Education: Tennessee 1976 BA, 1981 JD

Government: U.S. Attorney, Tennessee - Eastern District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice

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Robert Leon Jordan

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1934
Education: Tennessee 1958 BS, 1960 JD
Began Service: November 15, 1988
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan
Political Affiliation: Republican

Judicial: Chancellor, Tennessee Chancery Court, First Judicial District (1980-1988)

Legal Practice: Goodpasture, Carpenter, Dale & Woods (1960-1961); Green & Green (1964-1966); Partner, Bryant, Price, Brandt, Jordan & Fox (1971-1980)

Military Service: United States Army (1954-1956)

Current Memberships: The Hamilton Burnett American Inn of Court, The American Inns of Court; Knoxville Bar Association; Tennessee Bar Association; Tennessee Bar Foundation

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R. Allan Edgar

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1940
Education: Davidson 1962 BA; Duke 1965 LLB
Began Service: April 29, 1985
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Government: State Representative (TN), Tennessee State House of Representatives (1970-1972); Member, Wildlife Resources Agency, State of Tennessee; Chairman, Wildlife Resources Agency, State of Tennessee (1985)

Legal Practice: Attorney, Miller & Martin PLLC (1967-1985)

Military Service: United States Army (1965-1967)

Current Memberships: Chattanooga Bar Association; Federal Bar Association

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